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Show-Me the World enters its second year!



Since its beginnings in the fall of 2001, the Missouri State Library's Show-Me the World program has shown steady progress toward its goal of giving Missouri public library patrons expanded access to library materials. The program, an integrated set of technical services offered by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), has made it possible for public libraries to offer several new or enhanced services to their users.

First, patrons now have access to OCLC's WorldCat online database via the FirstSearch interface. This gives the public access to nearly 50 million records of library holdings, including books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, and more. Currently, 140 public libraries, 86% of all public libraries in the state, are offering this service to the public. The State Library is continuing to pay the full cost of the FirstSearch license for libraries.

Second, the State Library is using Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to pay for public libraries to load records into WorldCat. After a year of regional meetings and other outreach by the State Library and the Missouri Library Network Corporation, 22 libraries have loaded their records into WorldCat, while 30 more have placed orders to do so. To date, over 1,346,000 records have been loaded, with an additional 1,150,000 to come when all current orders have been processed. This will bring the total number of records loaded during the first year of the project to nearly 2,500,000—essentially doubling the number of Missouri public library records held in WorldCat a year ago! Missourians are getting access to an ever-expanding wealth of library materials held in the state.

For the coming fiscal year 2003, the State Library plans to do outreach to 45 more li-

braries with approximately 1.5 million records. This group represents half the remaining public libraries not yet participating in Show-Me the World. In FY 04, work will continue to sign up the remaining 45 libraries.

Over the course of the three-year period, the State Library hopes to see public libraries load 5.5 million records into WorldCat. Combined with the 2.5 million already in the database at the beginning of the project, this could result in an online statewide union catalog of eight million public library records—a great benefit to Missouri public library users in many ways.

Show-Me the World is also working with libraries to ensure that their holdings in WorldCat will be maintained and updated over time. A state contract with OCLC has given public libraries the opportunity to purchase the CatExpress Web cataloging service at an affordable price. If libraries elect to use a source other than OCLC for their catalog records, they can still maintain their WorldCat holdings by purchasing monthly batchload services. Discussions between the State Librarian and library directors around the state have established that libraries are comfortable with budgeting for cataloging services as a local cost.

Finally, the public access to WorldCat, record loading, and catalog maintenance components of Show-Me the World have provided a greatly improved database with which libraries can expand their resource sharing. In December 2001, the State Library used LSTA funds to pay nearly 100% of the cost of interlibrary loan (ILL) transactions for public libraries. To date, this has resulted in some modest but tangible gains for interlibrary loan services.

In the year preceding the start of the Show-Me the World interlibrary loan pro-

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Show-Me the World

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gram, 101 public libraries completed a total of 100,000 interlibrary loan transactions. Total interlibrary loan transactions by these libraries have increased 73% since the ILL

program began in December 2001, a dramatic response to the new state support for resource sharing.

The State Library will continue to pay the full cost of the ILL service on a trial basis this year to gauge the demand for and impact of this program.



Graduates of the State Library's Summer Institute, held in August in Columbia. (Lloyd Grotjan photo)

Summer institute brings record attendance

"Not only are the classes good, but the networking opportunities are great."

"Classes are geared at both directors and staff. I feel this gives us good insight to what others face in their job."

Summer Institute attendees

Those comments summed up the benefits of the State Library's Summer Institute to many Missouri library staff. This year, 123 people attended the institute and enrolled in basic or advanced library skills classes taught by library professionals from Missouri and several states.

Basic Library Skills offered an overview of libraries and library services, with an emphasis on public libraries. Institute segments included administration, collection development, library boards, reference services, customer service, technical services, technology in libraries, and services to special populations.

As in previous years, the Basic class received more applications than available places. For those on the waiting list, a Winter Institute will be scheduled for 2003.

Advanced classes included Library Services for Older Adults, Organizing Library Materials, Reference Services, and User Friendly Libraries.

For information on upcoming continuing education events, contact Patrice Vale at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 13.

Virtually Missouri update

Several new collections have been added to the “Digitized Collections” on the Virtually Missouri website. These collections include online exhibits sponsored by the Central Institute for the Deaf, Missouri Botanical Garden, and Washington University’s Bernard Becker Medical Library. Have a look at “Deafness in Disguise: 19th and 20th Century Hearing Devices” and “Powerful Grace Lies in Herbs and Plants,” a joint exhibit on herbal medicine.

Other new exhibits include “Fragments From the Botanical Frontier” from the Missouri Botanical Garden Library, “Diamond Vision, Missouri Tigers on the Field” from the University Archives of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and “Medicine in the Jungle, Dr. Thomas Dooley and Earl Rhine in Laos” from the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-St. Louis.

In the general collection records, the Missouri State Archives added information, including URLs on the Missouri Local Records Inventory Database and the World War I Military Service Cards Database.

Just getting started on your digitization effort? You might want to take an excellent online tutorial on digital imaging developed by the library at Cornell University, titled “Moving Theory into Practice,” and available at www.library.cornell.edu/preservation/tutorial/conents.html.

Banned Books Week 2002

This year’s Banned Books Week promotions will take place against a number of sobering signs regarding the state of free expression in the U.S. Nationally, debate grows regarding the unknown effects of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, which allows federal investigators to obtain a search warrant for library and bookstore records without showing that the person whose records are sought is suspected of committing a crime. The warrants are issued under a gag order that denies the party subject to the order the right to reveal the

fact that such a warrant has been received. The American Booksellers for Free Expression and other groups have recently filed a Freedom of Information Act request to discover how many subpoenas have been issued to bookstores, libraries, and newspapers under the Patriot Act.

Libraries celebrate teens and reading

“Get Graphic @ your library” is the theme of Teen Read Week 2002, which is celebrated in hundreds of libraries, schools, and bookstores across the country, October 13-19, 2002. Teens are encouraged to “read for the fun of it,” so their reading skills will stay sharp and they will develop a lifelong reading habit.

Now in its fifth year, Teen Read Week is a nationally recognized literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association. In year-round support of this literacy initiative, a special website has been developed to post booklists, reading research, and survey results related to teen reading habits. The website can be found at www.ala.org/teenread.

New PLA products aid recruitment efforts

The Public Library Association has developed a number of products to aid in the ongoing effort to recruit public librarians into the profession. The association has developed a comprehensive recruitment website (www.pla.org/projects/recruit.html) that contains testimonials from real-life librarians on why they chose public librarianship; educational requirements, scholarship information and links; salary data and other resources; and an informative look at the public library world titled “public library fast facts.”

In addition to the website, colorful “Ask me why I love my job” buttons are available for 25 cents each, and brochures titled “Public Librarianship: Imagine the Possibilities” are available free. The order form for the buttons and brochures is available at www.pla.org/projects/button.html.



Web Watch

Great American Speeches

www.pbs.org/greatspeeches/timeline/index.html

A comprehensive collection of speech texts of contemporary American history organized by era from 1900 to the 1990s. Includes audio or video excerpts for some speeches.

Interesting Things for ESL Students

www.manythings.org

An excellent resource for people studying English as a Second Language (ESL) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL). It offers quizzes, word games, word puzzles, proverbs, slang expressions, and anagrams.

Teens, Crime and the Community

www.nationaltcc.org/teens/index.html

Sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council and Street Law, Inc., this site provides opportunities for students to learn leadership and get involved in crime prevention to make themselves safer and their communities stronger.



2002 Children's Book Week

Since 1919, librarians, educators, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. This year's observance will be from November 18 to 24, and the theme is BOOK TIME. Ideas for celebrating the week are available online at www.cbcbooks.org. Theme graphics—posters, banners, streamers, bookmarks—are pictured at the Web address above and may be ordered online.

Librarians discuss REAL future



In late August, almost 30 Missouri public library directors participated in a focus group on core services and future direction for the Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) project. The group meeting, held in Columbia, resulted in discussion and agreement about the services needed through REAL.

Librarians gave priority to continuing Internet access and increasing bandwidth for all public libraries. As one librarian said, "Without Internet connectivity, many of the services our libraries provide would not be available." Another service librarians deem necessary is continuing support for online resources. Training tailored to public li-

braries was another need cited by the group.

General agreement was expressed for MOREnet's role in serving as the "eyes and ears on trends and changes in technology" for library staff. The group also was pleased with the technical support MOREnet provides to libraries.

Major concerns for the future are potential cost increases for service and declining state funding. Few solutions surfaced to address these issues except the suggestion for a sliding scale of fees, in addition to participant fees, rather than a flat increase in participant fees.

For more information about the REAL program, contact Donnell Ruthenberg Sutherland, the State Library's automation consultant at 800-325-0131, ext. 14.

LSTA grants awarded June – August 2002

Adaptive Equipment:

Cedar County Library	\$ 8,000
Grundy County-Jewett	
Norris Library	\$ 4,200
Missouri River Regional Library	\$ 7,600
St. Louis Public Library	\$ 38,700
Webb City Public Library	\$ 6,710
Barton County Library	\$ 4,400
Daniel Boone Regional Library	\$ 8,430
Dulany Library (Salisbury)	\$ 1,000
Hannibal Free Library	\$ 5,920
Joplin Public Library	\$ 7,820
Kansas City Public Library	\$ 23,500
Nevada Public Library	\$ 3,100
Riverside Regional Library	\$ 47,760
St. Louis County Library	\$ 12,000
University City Public Library	\$ 4,250
Webster County Library	\$ 780
West Plains Public Library	\$ 10,360

After School Connections:

Daniel Boone Regional Library:	\$ 9,105
Webb City Public Library	\$ 2,832

Bring in an Expert:

Kent Library: (Southeast MO State Univ.).	\$ 1,000
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B.D. Owens Library: (Northeast MO State Univ.).	\$ 4,975
Stafford Library: (Columbia College).	\$ 1,396

English as a Second Language Conversation Partners Groups:

Webb City Public Library	\$ 8,525
Sullivan County Public Library	\$ 8497

Planning and Standards:

Albany Carnegie Public Library:	\$ 12,929
Cedar County Library District:	\$ 4,001
Nevada Public Library:	\$ 6,326
Riverside Regional Library:	\$ 15,000

Videoconferencing Centers:

Daniel Boone Regional Library	\$ 35,619
St. Charles City-County Library	\$ 36,814
Springfield-Greene County Library	\$ 32,119
St. Louis Public Library	\$ 35,619
West Plains Public Library	\$ 40,334

Other:

Department of Mental Health	\$ 28,910
School Library Survey	\$ 27,354
MOBIUS Consortium	\$ 87,500
MOBIUS Consortium (conference co-sponsor)	\$ 12,000

New reading program for Missouri teens

The Missouri Association of School Librarians has long recognized the need for and interest in a high school reading program similar to the Mark Twain and Show Me award programs. To undertake this new effort, MASL has formed a temporary steering committee to assist a chairperson with selecting an initial list of books for the 2002-2003 school year. Full implementation of the program will be in the 2003-2004 school year.

Gateway Book Award List, 2002-2003

145th Street: Short Stories

Battle Dress

Body of Christopher Creed

Cut

Dreamland

Forgotten Fire

Give the Boy a Gun

Hope Was Here

Postcards to Father Abraham

The River King

Stargirl

What's in a Name?

When Kambia Elaine Flew in From Neptune

Wish You Well



Walter Dean Myers

Amy Efaw

Carol Plum-Ucci

Patricia McCormick

Sarah Dessen

Adam Bagdasarian

Todd Strasser

Joan Bauer

Catherine Lewis

Alice Hoffman

Jerry Spinelli

Ellen Wittlinger

Lori Williams

David Baldacci



Teen Night After Hours

This fall, Springfield-Greene County Library will open its main library on several Fridays after hours for young people ages 12-14. From 9 to 10:30 p.m., the library will offer a night of music, prizes, crafts, karaoke, games, free Internet access, and a Discovery Center videoconference. Special programs include a "Lord of the Rings" quest and a live version of a popular board game. The library's cafe service will sell snacks and drinks to attendees.

Wolfner Library produces print/braille books

Print/braille books, also known as twin-vision books, are usually picture books with brief text to which braille pages have been added, allowing sighted and visually impaired people to read together. They can be used by blind parents with sighted children, or sighted parents with blind children, or blind and sighted children together. Few print/Braille books are produced commercially each year (the National Library Service produces only 30), yet there is a definite need for this book format.

Last year, several staff members of Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped investigated the possibility of producing print/braille books for their users and determined such a project could be undertaken with volunteer assistance. Wolfner's director, Richard Smith, its children's librarian, Nancy Doering, and its volunteer coordinator, Deborah Stroup, have since developed a full-blown print/braille project.

Doering discussed the feasibility of creat-

ing print/braille books with staff from libraries for the blind and physically handicapped across the country and received advice and suggestions about creating these books. She then selected books suitable for the format, and the library purchased 500 books for the project.

Stroup has recruited three volunteer teams and hopes to add more volunteers for this ongoing project. For each book, she contacts a volunteer who knows braille, and that person is paired with a volunteer who reads the book out loud. As the volunteer reads, the other brailles the text on a Perkins Braille Writer—a device similar to a typewriter. The braille is typed on transparent adhesive paper, which is then cut into strips and placed on the page with the text.

Twenty-five print/braille books have been produced through the project, and another five to six are in various stages of production. Stroup said the volunteers will be able to complete 100 books this year.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



Webb City election victory

Voters in Webb City approved a 1/8 cent sales tax increase to pay for a \$2.2 million renovation, expansion, and preservation of the city's public library. The increase passed by a substantial margin. It will enable the library to double the space for the children's library and adult collections, expand the genealogy/local history department, create two meeting rooms, increase space for staff and processing, and develop a literacy center with classrooms and tutoring rooms. The library also will be made handicapped accessible.

In an editorial supporting the increase, a *Joplin Globe* editor wrote, "Few things are as important to the cultural climate of a community, to the preschool and after-school educational experience of young people, and to the recreational enjoyment of adults than a public library. In truth, libraries are heavily used and too-often under-appreciated community resources that add immensely to the quality of life."

Missouri's newest county library district

The Clinton County commissioners used Chapter 182.015 of the *Missouri Revised Statutes* to establish a Clinton County Library District on August 22, 2002. The county commission must propose an annual rate of taxation to be submitted to a vote of the people. If the voters have not approved a tax within a five-year period, the library district will be dissolved.

Representatives from the State Library attended the August meeting to answer questions from the county commissioners and from community representatives from Lathrop and Plattsburg. Some of the issues include:

- Lathrop currently has a functioning volunteer library.
- The county commissioners wanted clarification concerning the Lathrop build-

ing and property. They also wanted clarification of the statutes so they could approach voters legally.

- Plattsburg is discussing a donation of land with a potential donor.
- The statutes allow the county commission to divide the county library district into subdistricts.

St. Louis Public offers unique genealogy programs

Fifty beginning and intermediate genealogists attended a recent class at St. Louis Public Library titled "Land Rich, Dirt Poor: Finding Your Ancestors in Land Records." The class learned how to unearth their ancestors by using print, microfilm, and electronic land records. According to Tom Pearson, special collections librarian and a co-presenter, "Genealogists generally find land records hard to understand and to use, and will attend a program which holds out the hope of making those records easier to work with."

The two-hour program covered land ownership in the 18th and 19th century United States, state land and public land states, common surveying terms, the metes & bounds system, the township land system, bounty land terms genealogists should know, claiming bounty land, bounty land awards from various wars, the Homestead Land Acts, and land records in Missouri and Illinois.

On Saturdays throughout the remainder of the year, the library will offer other free programs devoted to history and genealogy. These include:

- Killed by the Cure: Civil War Medicine
- Guerrilla in the Mist: Researching Your Missouri Civil War Ancestor
- From Camden to Cowpens: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor
- Six Feet Under and No Wonder: Researching the Skeletons in Your Family's Closet

Springfield author launches new reading project

David Harrison, popular author of children's books and stalwart library friend, has organized a new version of his Sky High on Read-

ing project for Springfield school children. Students can join the Sky High Mystery Club by unearthing clues found in books on the Show Me and Mark Twain reading lists and in other award-winning books.

Local libraries are promoting the project by distributing bookmarks featuring Harrison's list of books. Each book on the list is a "mystery" and contains clues that can only be found by reading the book. Students can advance through four levels to become a Master Spy. "It's another way to find excitement in reading," Harrison said.

Newspaper feature promotes books, reading and libraries

Washington Public Library and Scenic Regional Library are benefiting from a new feature in the local newspaper, the *Washington Missourian*. Chris Stuckenschneider, a columnist for the *Missourian* (and who also serves on the Washington library's board of trustees), has worked with the "Newspapers in the Classroom" program to develop BOOK BUZZ, a children's book feature. The goal of the program is to introduce young people to new titles and increase literacy in the community.

BOOK BUZZ will highlight a monthly selection of books for young readers. Books will be chosen in each of three general age categories: primary, elementary, and middle school readers. Children in the community will be encouraged to read the book(s) and submit a written review to the newspaper. One review of each book will be selected and published in the *Missourian*. Several other reviews will be posted on the newspaper's website at emissourian.com.

Stuckenschneider has also involved local merchants in the project. Several stores carry copies of the selected books to sell, and these businesses donate copies of the books to the two libraries, both of which serve the area covered by the *Missourian*.

Computer training at The Edge attracts hundreds

Like many libraries in the state, Springfield-Greene County Library has offered



More than 700 students have participated in courses at The Edge at Springfield-Greene County Library's Midtown-Carnegie Branch.

free computer training to patrons for the past few years. With the opening of The Edge, housed in the Community Technology Center at the Midtown Carnegie Branch, the library now offers regular computer classes in a state-of-the-art lab. The lab contains 16 workstations and three fully equipped laptops.

Since its opening in April, more than 700 people have participated in the 140 classes available. Classes usually fill within 48 hours after registration opens. People of all ages and all skill levels are using The Edge to learn computer basics or to improve their computer skills.

The Edge's 12-page course catalog lists an impressive variety of classes from "Mouse Basics for Preschoolers" and "Digital Pics" to "SAT Practice" and "Understanding Windows." The center also offers homework help, tutorial sessions in which students work at their own pace, and classes for seniors.

More advanced classes will be added to the course catalog later in the year, and a partnership is in the offing with the computer information systems department at Southwest Missouri State University.

More Library News



We the People

The U.S. Government Printing Office has revised and updated its popular booklet, "How Our Laws Are Made." First published in 1953 by the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, the new 22nd edition explains the steps in the federal legislative process and discusses changes in congressional procedures. The booklet costs \$3.75 and may be ordered online from GPO (bookstore.gpo.gov).



Nature center sponsors reading guild

The Runge Conservation Nature Center, part of the Missouri Department of Conservation in Jefferson City, sponsors a reading guild which focuses on books devoted to nature writing. A recent program highlighted children's books centered around nature, and an accompanying exhibit featured a "Book Walk"—displays of book jackets from authors and illustrators who write about nature. Titles included *The Very Clumsy Click Beetle*, *The Very Quiet Cricket*, *Keepers of the Earth*, *Feathers for Lunch*, *13 Moons on Turtle's Back*, and many more.

The Edge is obviously filling a community need, and library staff hope to extend the center's activities beyond its funding period of December 2003.

Kansas City Public Library holds patron forum

Patrons from throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area gathered at Kansas City Public Library's Westport Branch for a public meeting to discuss the library's new strategic plan. Strategic Planning Consultants conducted the meeting, held August 28. Library staff stepped out of the meeting so people could speak freely.

The library recently embarked on a strategic planning process and is reexamining the mission and goals of the system. With two major building projects underway (the Central Library and Plaza Branch), the library is reevaluating its current mission and goals. The purpose of the meeting was to gather public input on what the library does well and to collect ideas on what the library can do to enhance programs and services for the community.

Attendees agreed on the importance of branch libraries to communities as well as educating Kansas Citians about library services and resources and the fact that library services are available equally to all residents. Many patrons stressed the need for adequate space for studying, tutoring, and community meetings. Other suggestions included teaching library skills at homeless shelters, stronger image marketing of the library, development of a recognizable logo (e.g., New York Public Library's lion), and increased promotion of library resources.

New Madrid library addition honors former legislator

In a special ceremony on August 31, 2002, the governments of the City of New Madrid and New Madrid County dedicated the new addition to the New Madrid Memorial Library in honor of former state representative Fred E. "Gene" Copeland.

Copeland's parents donated the original parcel of land for a library to the City of

New Madrid in 1947. The library completed a major renovation and addition in 2001 after acquiring an adjacent lot for the expansion and parking.

In presenting a plaque to Copeland, New Madrid Mayor Mark Baker praised his long service to the 161st District (38 years) and recognized the contributions his family made to the New Madrid County Library system.

Kirkwood Public Library sponsors adult reading club

"Let Freedom Read" is the theme for the 2002-2003 adult reading club at Kirkwood Public Library. Adults ages 18-80+ participate in the club, which begins in September and runs through May 2003. Participants fill out a book slip for each book they read during the year and return these slips to the library. At the end of each month, the book slips are entered in a drawing for a prize. This year's prizes are gift certificates from Left Bank Books.

A new feature of the reading club is the bimonthly Reader's Circle book discussion series, an opportunity for readers to meet and discuss selected books in depth. Books selected for the club include: *Firehouse* by David Halberstam, *Breaking Clean* by Judy Blunt, *The Bondwoman's Narrative* by Hannah Crofts, and *The Last American Man* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

Book challenges in Webb City

The Webb City School District board reached a compromise on August 13 in a parental dispute about a series of books by popular children's book author Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. The books use an adolescent girl named Alice to explore the issues of growth, development, and sexuality. Questions arose about whether the books should remain available to 5th- and 6th-grade students in elementary school libraries.

After reviewing the books, the board voted to remove *Achingly Alice*, *Alice in Lace*, and *The Grooming of Alice* while making three other titles in the series available only

to 6th-grade students with parental permission. The changes took effect when classes began August 21.

The board had voted in June to ban the books, but later rescinded that vote because no one had read them. A six-teacher committee recommended that none of the books be banned.

Livingston County Library embarks on renovation program

By the end of September, the lobby of Livingston County Library in Chillicothe will be returned to its 1915-era appearance, when the building housed the post office and other government offices. The lobby will feature a comfortable seating area, repainted walls, new lighting fixtures, and unpainted windows. The marble floors and the marble wainscoting of the walls also have been cleaned as part of the project.

Funding for the renovation came from the Browning Foundation, which donated \$10,000 for the project. The gift is the first of five \$10,000 installments to be given by the foundation for library improvements

over the next five years. The Friends of the Library also contributed \$5,000 for new light fixtures reminiscent of those from the early 1900s.

Library director Karen Hicklin said the lobby renovation is one of a number of projects listed on the library's long-range plan.

St. Louis County Library organizes homeschool fair

On August 27, St. Louis County Library sponsored its fifth annual Homeschool Informational Fair. More than 400 people attended and visited with 24 vendors from non-profit agencies. Among the vendors were the Humane Society of Missouri, Future Scientists of America, three homeschooling organizations, the St. Louis Symphony, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the Army Corps of Engineers. St. Louis County Library staff were also on hand to provide information on reference, booking videos, special collections, and reader's advisory services.

According to library staffer Cynthia Schultz, "homeschoolers enthusiastically support the library, and the Informational Fair provides a unique venue for our valued patrons who homeschool."

Call for proposals

Missouri public library automation projects

State funding is available for tax-supported public libraries in Missouri to provide their users with an integrated online library system that complies with current national standards for electronic information.

During the last five years, \$4.5 million in state funding has been appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly to public libraries for automation systems and system enhancements. The State Library encourages libraries that are not yet automated to consider options for automating their libraries. Funding available for the current grant call is \$500,000. Eligible projects include:

1. Planning grants for retrospective conversion and automation projects;
2. Conversion of records to machine-readable format;

3. Automation of libraries still using manual systems; and
4. Upgrade of libraries currently automated to meet standards, to offer more extensive services, and/or to increase capacity to serve the public.

Libraries may apply for funds singly or as a consortium project. Funds are awarded through a competitive grant process. The State Library will announce a new round of grant invitations in December. For more information about the program, contact Donnell Ruthenberg Sutherland, Library Automation Consultant, Missouri State Library, 800-325-0131, ext.14, or check the grant webpage at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/automation.asp>.

Upcoming Events



October 2-4
Missouri Library Association
Annual Conference
Kansas City

October 12
National Book Festival
Washington, DC

October 13-19
Teen Read Week

November 1
National Family Literacy Day

November 7-9
Missouri Folklore Society
Annual Meeting
Potosi

November 8-9
Missouri Trustees Academy
St. Louis

November 9
Fifth Celebration of the
Book
Columbia

November 18-24
Children's Book Week



Kansas City and St. Louis among the nation's most wired cities

Both Kansas City and St. Louis earned a spot on the Nielsen/Net Ratings Most Wired Cities List. The survey measured the percentage of households having access to the Internet from a personal computer at home. While Internet penetration levels were highest for cities on the West Coast, Kansas City placed 10th on the list with 61.2% of households wired to the Internet, and St. Louis placed 12th with 59.7% of households connected.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, in 2000, Missouri ranked 22nd in the nation with 42.5% of all households wired to the Internet.

Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco captured the top three spots. West Coast cities accounted for five of the top 15 cities listed.

California and Missouri were the only states to have more than one city in the top 15. Nielsen suggests the study indicates that Internet access has become more of a need rather than a luxury, with e-mail and e-commerce becoming part of Americans' daily routine.

Detailed Census 2000 information now available for Missouri

The Census Bureau released Missouri's Summary File 3 (SF3) information from Census 2000 on August 27, 2002. This latest release from Census 2000 includes detailed population and housing information from the long-form census questionnaire and provides data down to the census tract and block group levels. Nationwide, SF3 presents data for the United States, the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in geographical sequence down to the block group level for some categories, but only to the census tract level for others. In addition to standard census geographies, information is available for categories such as ZIP code tabulation areas, metropolitan statistical areas, and U.S. congressional districts.

SF3 is often referred to as "sample data" because the information was compiled from a sample of approximately 19 million households—approximately one out of six in the nation. While the national average was one out of six households, as many as one out of every two households might have received long-form questionnaires in small towns, where the sample had to be large enough to make the results statistically valid.

Overall, SF3 contains 813 detailed tables (484 population tables and 329 housing tables) showing social, economic, and housing characteristics. More than 50 tables are repeated for nine major races and Hispanic or Latino groups. Examples of information in Summary File 3 from Census 2000 include:

- ◆ **School enrollment** by level of school (preschool through college) and type of school (public or private)
- ◆ **Poverty status** by age and household type
- ◆ **Income data** (per capita, family, household, median, etc.)
- ◆ **Type of disability** (sensory, physical, mental, and/or self-care) for the civilian, population not living in institutions (age breakouts include: 5-15, 16-64, and 65+)
- ◆ **Language spoken at home**, cross tabulated by the ability to speak English well, or less than well (age breakouts include: 5-17, 18-64, and 65+)
- ◆ **Employment status of females age 16 and over by presence and age of their own children** under 18 years
- ◆ **Work status by usual number of hours worked per week** for both men and women
- ◆ **Place of birth by citizenship**
- ◆ **Owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing units by age of householder and type of housing unit** (one unit detached, mobile home, etc.)
- ◆ **Type of home heating fuel** (electricity, utility gas, coal or coke, wood, etc.)
- ◆ **Housing values** (under \$10,000 to over \$1 million)

Most categories listed above are available by race and Hispanic origin.

Missouri librarians attend IFLA conference

The Legal Challenges in Repatriating Library Materials. E-government and Direct Democracy. Connecting Art Libraries: Partnerships and Projects. National Book and Reading Policies. Conflicts and Libraries. Children and Young Adults Involved in Libraries for Life. Sampling of topics from the 2003 IFLA General Conference Programme

Sara Parker, Missouri State Librarian, and Margaret Conroy, director of Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City, attended the general conference and council of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in Glasgow, Scotland, August 18-24. More than 4,600 library and information professionals from more than 122 countries attended the conference.

IFLA was founded in 1927 in Scotland, so the choice of the 75th conference location was especially appropriate. The federation has associate relations with UNESCO and aims to promote international understanding, cooperation, discussion, research, and development in the library and information profession. IFLA has been likened to “the global voice of the library profession” and as such represents a wide range of interests from government information, copyright and intellectual property to metropolitan libraries, international publishing, archives, and all types of libraries and library services.

Seamus Heaney, Nobel Prize winner for literature in 1995 and long-time supporter of libraries, gave the keynote address for the opening session. The conference offered workshops, readings of papers, individual speakers, poster sessions, research seminars, exhibits, library visits, and tours of government agencies. Of particular interest to many U.S. librarians was a visit to Andrew Carnegie’s birthplace in Dunfermline, outside of Glasgow.

Parker has been involved in IFLA activities for the past few years and serves on a standing committee for the Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section. At the Glasgow conference, she led two workshops for the section on marketing libraries and research services to governments. She also participated in several government related programs and visited the new Scottish Parliament and its libraries.

Parker urges Missouri librarians to con-



Carnegie’s birthplace at Dunfermline, Scotland (Margaret Conroy photo)

sider attending future IFLA conferences. Membership is not a requirement to attend the conferences.

Conroy received an invitation to attend the conference last spring, sent to her as the director of a Carnegie Library. “Although we no longer own the Carnegie, the invitation sat on my desk and tickled my travel bug for several weeks,” Conroy said. “Frankly, I decided to go because September 11 reminded me that life is for doing, not just thinking about. And was I glad I went!” It was her first IFLA conference.

According to Conroy, the conference programs were “typically more academic in nature than those at ALA, but the multinational nature of the talks was both illuminating and inspiring.” She spent a day touring Andrew Carnegie’s birthplace and the location of his first library and took a conference-sponsored tour of the Highlands at the end of the conference.

Like Parker, Conroy urges anyone who has ever considered attending an IFLA conference to “just do it.” “You would be welcomed with open arms,” Conroy said.

The 2003 IFLA conference is scheduled for Berlin, August 1-9.

Rediscover America @ your library PR tools

Programming ideas, downloadable artwork, booklists, and sample press materials to help libraries get involved in the “Rediscover America @ your library” are available from the American Library Association at www.ala.org.

Libraries, teens, and the Internet

Basic Internet services won't meet the needs of today's young people, according to Linda W. Braun, author of *Teens.library: Developing Internet Services for Young Adults*. Braun tells what teens want on the Internet and gives librarians tips on creating, maintaining, and evaluating their Web services for teens. Her book (ISBN 0-8389-0824-1) is available from the American Library Association for \$28 (\$25.50 for ALA members). For more information, go to the ALA order site at www.alastore.org.



Student entries invited for 2003 Letters About Literature contest

The Missouri Center for the Book invites students in grades 4-12 to enter the 2002 Letters About Literature contest. The national writing contest emphasizes the special connection between young readers and authors. The contest invites students to write a letter to an author explaining how his or her work somehow changed their view of the world or themselves.

Letters About Literature is sponsored annually by the Missouri Center for the Book, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, and the Weekly Reader Corporation.

Three competition levels, each with its own books-change-lives theme, are avail-

able for students: Level I for grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7&8, and Level III for grades 9-12.

Judges from the Missouri Center for the Book's board of directors will select the top essayists in the state in each competition level. The state winners will receive cash prizes and be honored at an awards ceremony in Jefferson City in the spring of 2003. They also will become eligible for the national awards of \$500 for each level.

Deadline for student submissions is December 7, 2002. Contest guidelines and tips are included on the Missouri Center's website at <http://books.missouri.org>. Letters from Missouri's 2002 student winners are also available on the website.

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